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### **RSVP SINGAPORE PARTNERS STANDARD CHARTERED BANK TO DEVELOP CAPABILITIES OF SENIORS AND BUILD A STRONGER BASE OF SENIOR VOLUNTEERS**

*Singapore, 14 February 2019* – RSVP Singapore has partnered Standard Chartered Bank in a three-year collaboration to develop the capabilities of seniors and to empower them as active volunteers serving the needs of the community.

2 RSVP Singapore is a senior volunteer organisation and this partnership is part of its efforts to step up as a centre of excellence for Senior Volunteerism – as shared by Mdm Halimah Yacob during the organisation's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary charity gala dinner in October last year. Mdm Halimah is also RSVP Singapore's first Patron.

3 Minister for Culture, Community and Youth Ms Grace Fu witnessed the signing of the partnership at RSVP Singapore's Volunteer Appreciation Day on 14 February. Key initiatives under this partnership include developing trainers for a pre-dementia programme for a nationwide roll-out and a pilot programme to promote intergenerational volunteering programme involving seniors and youths to support the less privileged.

4 Ms Grace Fu, said "By 2030, the number of Singaporeans aged 65 years and above will be doubled. Many of these seniors have accumulated a wealth of skills and experience, and silver volunteerism is an important means by which society can benefit from their experiences. Through the combined efforts of the government, community and corporate partners, we can work together to create more volunteering opportunities for our

seniors. This partnership between RSVP and Standard Chartered Bank is one such example. I urge more corporates to consider such partnerships, motivate their employees to volunteer, and grow the SG Cares movement.”

5 “Giving is great, though it’s even better if we can help others unlock their ability to give,” said Patrick Lee, CEO of Standard Chartered Bank. “Since 2012, more than 10,000 Standard Chartered employees have volunteered and supported over 27,000 seniors via our Silver Lining community initiative. By promoting senior volunteerism with RSVP Singapore, we are delighted to be unlocking a new potential for giving in Singapore.”

6 Mr Koh Juay Meng, Chairman of RSVP Singapore, agreed, “I am very excited with this new partnership with Standard Chartered Bank, as well as the strong support by MCCY. RSVP has been championing senior volunteerism for the past 20 years and especially more since our commitment to be a national centre of excellence for Senior Volunteerism. The signing of this MoU is another step closer towards achieving this vision.”

7 RSVP Singapore was started in 1998 with the objective of developing senior volunteers and empowering them to share and serve the community. The organisation currently has 2,500 volunteers serving its regular and ad-hoc programmes.

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### **About RSVP Singapore**

RSVP Singapore The Organisation of Senior Volunteers is an Institution of Public Character and the National Centre of Excellence for Senior Volunteerism under the patronage of Mdm Halimah Yacob, President of the Republic of Singapore. The organisation started in 1998 and was launched by then-Prime Minister Mr Goh Chok Tong. RSVP Singapore is a registered society under the Societies Act and a member of the National Council of Social Service (NCSS).

Since its inception, RSVP Singapore has been actively engaging seniors in purpose-driven volunteerism. With over 2,500 volunteers, RSVP Singapore serves more than 200,000 beneficiaries each year including the mentally disadvantaged, at-risk children from low income families, and socially isolated seniors through its community service programmes. [www.rsvp.org.sg](http://www.rsvp.org.sg)

### **About Standard Chartered Bank**

Standard Chartered Bank in Singapore is part of an international banking group, with more than 150 years of history in some of the world's most dynamic markets. Our purpose is to drive commerce and prosperity through our unique diversity, and our heritage and values are expressed in our brand promise, Here for good.

The Bank has a history of 160 years in Singapore, where we opened our first branch in 1859. In October 1999, we were among the first international banks to receive a Qualifying Full Bank (QFB) licence, an endorsement of the Group's long-standing commitment to our business in the country.

Singapore is home to the majority of our global business leadership, our technology operations, as well as SC Ventures, our innovation hub. In 2013, the Bank transferred our Singapore Retail and SME businesses to a locally-incorporated subsidiary, Standard Chartered Bank (Singapore) Limited ("SCBSL"). In 2018, we announced our intention to

fully consolidate our business operations in Singapore through the transfer of our Commercial Banking, Corporate & Institutional Banking and Private Banking businesses to SCBSL. SCBSL is one of the highest-rated banks globally: A by Standard & Poor's, Aa3 by Moody's Investor Services and A by Fitch Ratings.

In Singapore, we support both individual and corporate needs to build wealth and drive commerce at every step of their journey. We do this by offering an entire range of financial services across personal, priority and private banking as well as our business, commercial and corporate banking teams. The Bank employs around 9,000 people in Singapore and has a network of 16 branches, 6 Priority Banking centres and 30 ATMs.

### **About SG Cares**

SG Cares is a social movement championed by public agencies, corporate and community partners to build a more caring and inclusive home for all. The movement invites all Singaporeans and people who live in Singapore to put values into action through active volunteerism, ground-up efforts and everyday acts of care. It also aims to build capability and share resources across various sectors and organisations to grow opportunities for volunteering. By inspiring and supporting one another, we can show the world that we are a nation that cares. [www.sgcares.sg](http://www.sgcares.sg)

### Event Programme

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
12.00pm	Arrival of Guest-of-Honour, Ms Grace Fu, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth
12.10pm	20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Video Greeting Message by Patron of RSVP Singapore, Mdm Halimah Yacob
12.15pm	Speech by RSVP Chairman, Mr Koh Juay Meng
12.25pm	Speech by Guest-of-Honour, Ms Grace Fu, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth
12.35pm	Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between RSVP Singapore and Standard Chartered Bank (SCB)
12.45pm	Lo Hei and Lunch
12.50pm	Skit by Ageless Theatre and RSVP Singapore
1.05pm	Entertainment and Performance (I)
1.20pm	Award Presentation
2.00pm	Entertainment and Performance (II)
2.45pm	Lucky Draw
3.00pm	End of Programme